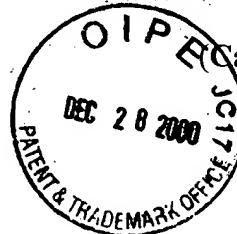


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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 21, 2000, please enter the following remarks in the above-referenced patent application.

REMARKS

In paragraph two, the Office Action requested that formal drawings be submitted when the application is allowed. Applicants will therefore file formal drawings upon notice of allowance. In paragraph four, the Office Action stated that a microfiche appendix is required for